

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/29/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-8,10-16,18-20 and 22-29.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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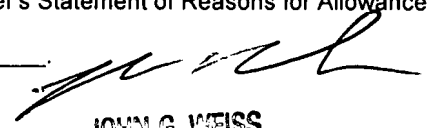
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to papers filed on March 29, 2007.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-16, 18-20 and 24-29 are pending.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-16, 18-20 and 24-29 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. Claims 1, 14-16 and 24-25 teach a system, method and apparatus for maintaining/managing product history information between an electronic device and an information apparatus with communication module in a home network system. The apparatus installs software directly from the electronic device when connected to the network and uninstalls software when not connected. The electronic devices sends product history updating product history information messages, including at least one of purchase information and repair information, to and from the information apparatus with the use of the installed software from the electronic device.
3. The remaining claims 3-8, 10-13, 18-20, 22-23 and 26-29 are considered allowable, as they are dependent and based off of an allowable independent claim
4. The prior art does not teach or suggest in combination the limitations of the electronic device automatically installing when connected to a home network the software on to the apparatus that is required to update the product information and uninstalling when not connected to the home network. The prior art further fails to teach the electronic device sending product history messages to and from the information apparatus with the use of the installed software.

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5. **US Patent Publication 20010053980 A1; Suliman, JR. et al; Method and Sytem for Blind Electronic Warranty Registration, hereinafter referred to as Suliman.** Suliman teaches a system and method for product warranty and registration system. Suliman teaches the product identification via a WAP enable device to read a bar code of a product. Suliman fails to teach the electronic device automatically installing when connected to a home network the software on to the apparatus that is required to update the product information and uninstalling when not connected to the home network. In addition, Suliman, fails to teach the electronic device sending product history messages to and from the information apparatus with the use of the installed software.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Traci L. Casler whose telephone number is 571-272-6809. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 571-272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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